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Admiral William F. Raborn
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Dear Admiral Raborn:

The Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee is continuing a study, began in 1963 at the direction of House Government Operations Committee Chairman William L. Dawson, into the use of polygraphs as "lie detectors" by Federal agencies. Initial hearings were held on the subject, and the Committee adopted a report on which your agency has been asked to comment.

To complete its study, the Subcommittee needs supplemental information from agencies such as yours which indicated, in answer to a Subcommittee questionnaire dated June 11, 1963, that their policies and practices provide for the use of polygraphs as "lie detectors". Please provide complete answers to the following questions by June 7, 1965.

The answers should cover all subordinate organizations within your agency. If the subordinate organizations use polygraphs for different purposes or under different procedures, please break down the requested information by subordinate organizations in addition to providing an agency-wide compilation.

Sincerely,

JOHN E. MOSS
Chairman

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QUESTIONNAIRE ON USE OF POLYGRAPHS AS "LIE DETECTORS"

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1. For what specific purposes does your agency use polygraphs as "lie detectors"?

2. How many so-called "lie detection" tests using polygraphs or similar devices were conducted by your agency in Fiscal 1964 for each of the specific purposes listed in answer to question number 1?

3. How many such tests were conducted by other agencies, public or private, at the request of your agency in Fiscal 1964? Identify the other agencies, state the number of tests performed by each agency and state the costs, if any.

4. At what location (city and state if domestic, city and country if foreign) was each of the tests listed in answer to questions 2 and 3 given?

5. How many polygraphs or other so-called "lie detection" devices are the property of your agency?

- a. How many of these devices were purchased during Fiscal 1964? *one*
- b. How many of these devices were purchased as replacements? *on*
- c. What was the acquisition cost of the devices purchased during Fiscal 1964? *1000*
- d. Identify by brand and model the devices purchased during Fiscal 1964.

6. How many polygraphs or other so-called "lie detection" devices were leased during Fiscal 1964? At what cost?

7. How many employees of your agency are authorized to conduct examinations using polygraphs or similar "lie detection" devices? What were the total salary costs for these employees during Fiscal 1964?

8. Estimate all other expenses attributable to the use of polygraphs as "lie detectors" during Fiscal 1964, including maintenance of the devices, travel expenses for examiners and training programs.

9. What are the minimum qualifications for employees of your agency authorized to conduct examinations using polygraphs or similar "lie detection" devices? State specifically the minimum requirements of:

- a. Age;
- b. Education;
- c. Grade or rank;
- d. Years of investigative experience;
- e. Length of specialized training.

10. Describe, in general, any polygraph training program your agency conducts for employees of your agency; include length of academic training and on-the-job experience required as part of the training program.

11. Identify all other polygraph training facilities, either government or private, used for employees of your agency and state:

- a. The number of employees who attended such training facilities during Fiscal 1964;
- b. The cost per employee exclusive of per diem.

12. What weight is given the data resulting from tests by polygraphs or similar "lie detection" devices in relation to other types of investigative information?

- a. Who makes the initial determination to use such devices?
- b. Is this initial determination subject to review by higher authority in each case?
- c. At what specific administrative level is the review made?

13. If a person connected with your agency refuses to take a polygraph or other "lie detection" test, is information about the refusal made available to any person or agency outside your agency? Does your agency have any written rules or regulations governing this procedure? If so, provide two copies.

14. Does your agency use two-way mirrors to permit observation of a polygraph or similar "lie detection" test or use recording devices during such a test?

- a. If so, in either case, are the individuals taking the tests informed of the existence of the two-way mirrors or recording devices?
- b. Does your agency have any regulations governing the use of the two-way mirrors or recording devices during interrogations? If so, provide two copies.

15. Has your agency during Fiscal 1964 undertaken or contracted for any research projects involving the use of the polygraph or other so-called "lie detection" devices?

- a. If so, please identify the research project and the researcher (or university);
- b. Please state the total costs incurred for each of these research projects.

16. Has your agency ever been involved in any legal or administrative matter involving the use of the polygraph or any other so-called "lie detection" device? (This question is intended to elicit any reference, regardless of degree of use, to the polygraph in these judicial or administrative proceedings).

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- a. If your agency holds administrative hearings, are any references to polygraph examinations admitted in evidence?
- b. If the answer to question 16 (a) is in the affirmative, is the polygraph operator made available for examination and cross-examination purposes?
- c. Are polygraph charts and other related documents admitted in evidence in these administrative hearings?

17. If your agency has issued any new regulations or directives pertaining to the use of polygraphs and other so-called "lie detection" devices since your answer to the Subcommittee questionnaire dated June 11, 1963 (or if your agency has amended any existing regulations or directives), provide two copies of each.